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ANNEX A

EXCERPTS FROM 33rd MEETING OF USNICC HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1946

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".....Captain Wenger stated that in the present depleted personnel situation, there has been some pressure to shift emphasis at SA from the [redacted] problem to the [redacted] problem.

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Colonel Bicher commented that such a transfer had also been considered at ASA since the [redacted] problem looks promising, whereas, the [redacted] traffic gives little promise of solution. He said that above all else, cryptanalytic continuity in the [redacted] problem must be established and maintained.

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Captain Wenger commented that people on the technical side definitely need someone to make the decisions as to where the greatest emphasis should be placed.

Captain Harper said that it is his impression that one of the functions of the Coordinator of Joint Operations is to make the decisions on allocation of priority tasks.

Mr. Huddleson stated that there is an immediate need in the State Department for the type of information which the [redacted] would presumably yield. Since the difficulties being encountered [redacted] are apparently such as to preclude in the near future an appreciable return on the effort expended, he asked if it might be advisable to place more emphasis on [redacted]. He remarked that if the solution of this traffic is a much smaller task and information of the type desired can be obtained much earlier then a shift in emphasis might be justified. He added that the State Department would welcome a meeting to discuss this and related problems.

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Mr. Packard stated that by charter JPAG is not responsible to transfer personnel from military [redacted] problems. He cited the personnel engaged in the [redacted] problem as being the group which could be transferred to work on [redacted] states with the least interference to current production of intelligence. Mr Packard added that the priority problem as between military or [redacted] extends itself also to interception. For example, he said that MID desires to strengthen [redacted]. However, to do this, [redacted] would have to sacrifice intercept on certain [redacted]. These issues, he pointed out, serve to emphasize the need for frequent overall consideration of priority problems and allocations by both intelligence and technical groups.

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Captain Harper commented that JPAG, however, is in the position to resolve the problem since it presumably has more information on the subject than any other group.

Captain Wenger suggested that it is a function of USCICC to reconcile the conflicting requests for priority emphasis. Mr. Huddleson commented that the seeming divergence of priority aims frequently arises from a misunderstanding of the problem as a whole.

Mr. Parsons suggested that it might be feasible for JPAG to make recommendations to USCICC on desired shifts in emphasis and then USCICC could make the decisions.

Captain Harper agreed that the Coordinator under his Charter has no authority over purely Military or purely [redacted] but that recommendations from the Coordinator and/or his Staff would merit serious consideration.

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Mr. Huddleson said that, insofar as recommendations are concerned, the Coordinator should not be limited to the provisions of the Charter.

Colonel Bicher suggested that the priority requirements of State, War, and Navy Departments might be resolved by means of monthly meetings of representatives from these three departments.

Mr. Huddleson agreed and commented that he feels the trouble with previous meetings on this subject has been that the problem was not considered from a broad point of view. He added that the representatives at the meeting proposed by Colonel Bicher should be instructed to approach the problem as a whole and to consider the requirements of all "customers."

Captain Wenger said that Captain Wright, the Deputy Coordinator for Allocation (JPAG), has been uncertain of his authority to make shifts in emphasis to meet changing priority requirements. He said that if it is agreed that the representatives of member agencies should hold monthly meetings to discuss priority problems, he can present the issue to the Coordinator.

DECISION: The Chairman, USCICC will advise the Coordinator that priority problems should, whenever possible, be solved on a working level, and that those which require major shifts in emphasis should be referred to USCICC for consideration. The Coordinator will be further informed that USCICC considers it advisable for representatives of all member agencies to hold monthly meetings for the purpose of discussing and solving priority problems."